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STRIKE CRISIS NEAR: WILSON TAKES ACTION FOR HARMONY

President Confers With Railroad
Managers and Leaders of Bro-
therhoods With View To Hav-
ing Differences Quietly Settled

NO GROUND YET FOUND UPON WHICH TO BEGIN

Basis Upon Which Arbitration
Can Be Had May Lurk In What
Has Been Accomplished But
That Remains To Be Developed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Business and industrial inter-
ests throughout the country
are wondering if President Wilson
can avert the threatened strike of 450,000
railroad workers. For two hours and
more the chief executive yesterday
thrashed out the situation with rail-
road managers and leaders of the rail-
road brotherhoods involved in the
trouble, and at the end of the talking
said that he was unable to say what
the result would be, but would be able
to decide today.

Goes Over Both Sides

In his statement following the con-
ference, Mr. Wilson declared that he
had "gone over the case with both
sides with the utmost frankness," but
needed time in which to judge of the
situation as a whole, and whether
there is a possible basis for an agree-
ment.

"The foremost questions to be set-
tled," added the President, "are what
to arbitrate and how to arbitrate.
Until we can decide upon that, nothing
much can be done."

Substantial Basis Reached

It was admitted after the conference
that there appears to be a substantial
basis upon which both sides to the con-
trovercy can get together and thrash
out a settlement that will avert the
strike and approximately satisfy all
parties.

While this was the feeling here, de-
spatches from New York yesterday af-
ternoon said that an announcement was
made there that, should President Wil-
son's mediation fail to bring about an
amicable settlement between railroads
and men, a strike will be immediately
declared.

President Has Some Power

Preparations have been made where-
by a complete tie-up of 225 railroads in
the United States will result. Au-
thorities declare that while national
labor laws do not give the President
the right to officially interfere between
employer and employee, police powers
give him authority to proclaim mar-
tial law and to place soldiers on trains
to prevent a complete stoppage of
traffic.

Tension in business circles shows a
realization of the possibility of a na-
tional calamity.

Millions Are At Stake

Hundreds of millions would be lost
to industries should mediation fail, as
well as enforced idleness of millions of
workmen in every section of the
country.

Food privation would be serious in
large communities, it is pointed out;
exports would be suspended; conges-
tion of imports on both seaboard, while
thousands of travelers would be
stranded in the event of a nation-wide
strike such as the brotherhoods
threaten to bring about.

MARQUIS OKUMA WILL CALL ON HIS EMPEROR

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shipco.)

TOKIO, August 12.—Premier Okuma
leaves this city today for Nikko,
where he will call upon the emperor in
his majesty's summer palace and will
make his report on the present polit-
ical situation. The premier took his
family with him, and will return to
the city on August 15.

MEASURE INTRODUCED TO EXTEND PARLIAMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, August 14.—Premier As-
quith last night introduced into the
House of commons a bill extending par-
liament until the end of next May.

SENATE COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP DANISH WEST INDIES DEAL

People of Denmark Are Expected
To Vote For Sale of Islands
At Coming Plebiscite

ISLANDERS ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE STATUS

Germany Said To Be Opposed To
Transfer But European Domi-
nance May Not Continue

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Senator
Stone, chairman of the senate commit-
tee on foreign relations, announced yes-
terday that as soon as the Democratic
caucus has completed the work of re-
vision the members will be asked
to take up the matter of the Danish
treaty, providing for the purchase of
the Danish West Indies.

Senator Stone pointed out some of
the advantages which will accrue to
this country from the purchase of the
islands from Denmark, and asserted
that he believes the Danish people un-
doubtedly will vote to sell the islands
to the United States, at the plebiscite,
which probably will be held in that
country to decide the question.

ISLANDERS WOULD IMPROVE CONDITIONS

The United States was surprised on
July 25, with the announcement that a
treaty arranging for the purchase of the
Danish West Indies, consisting of the
islands of St. John, St. Thomas, St.
Croix and several tiny rocky islets in
the vicinity, was under consideration
and had progressed far enough to give
the exact terms. These were that the
United States should pay \$25,000,000.

In 1895 Secretary Seward offered
\$5,000,000 for the islands and in-
creased the sum to \$7,500,000 two
years later. In 1902 the Roosevelt
administration agreed to pay \$5,000,
000, but the upper house of the Dan-
ish rigging refused to ratify the con-
vention, which the United States Sen-
ate had ratified on February 17.

Denmark May Accept Loan

Possibly Denmark will eventually be
willing to accept less than \$25,000,000,
for an influential element in that coun-
try is anxious to sell the islands. More-
over, the islanders themselves
apparently wish to improve their eco-
nomic condition, and it is highly prob-
able that they would vote to place
their future in the hands of the
United States. They voted in favor
of the transfer fifty years ago, and
they have less to lose and more to
gain at this time.

It has been said at various times
that Germany is opposed to the sale
of the islands, hoping that some day a
modification of the Monroe doctrine
would enable her to acquire them for
naval purposes. Whatever truth there
may be in this statement it is certain
that the United States will allow no
foreign power to take control of the
Danish West Indies, even though they
are not brought under the American
flag.

European Control Impossible

The hopes of Germany or any
other power that covets the islands are
doomed to disappointment.

The Danish West Indies are not in-
trinsically valuable. Their land is
poor, their crops are small, their popu-
lation is becoming smaller year by
year; for several years their revenue
has been decreasing and they have
been a financial burden to Denmark,
but they lie in a strategic position
with regard to the Atlantic trade
routes leading to the Panama Canal,
and for that reason they have a poten-
tial value in the scheme of defense
which must be worked out to protect
that great waterway against an enemy.

SENATOR ATTACKS SAMUEL GOMPERS

Declares Federation Labor Lead-
er Lives On Sweat From
Other Persons' Brows

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Senator
Sherman of Illinois, in the course of
an address before the senate, yes-
terday, digressed long enough to attack
Samuel Gompers, president of the Am-
erican Federation of Labor, as a "man
who lives on the sweat from other per-
sons' brows."

"He is a cheap prostitute of labor
and he has used the funds he has col-
lected from ignorant persons to defend
the dynamite of the Los Angeles
Times building, and in Indianapolis.
All in all his record being considered,
Gompers is fortunate that he himself
managed to escape indictment upon sim-
ilar charges," added the senator.

The Illinois senator was speaking on
the shipping bill when he found oppor-
tunity to attack the head of the labor
federation.

ENORMOUS French Gun, Which Delivers Mighty Counterblast To Seventeen-Inch Pieces With Which Germans Surprised Entente Allies Early In War. Latter Armies Are Now Provided With Heavy Artillery Fully Equal To Anything Teutons Have



CAUCUS APPROVES REVENUE MEASURE

Senators Agree To Democratic
Bill As Amended, and Will
So Report

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.—The
Democratic senate caucus last night
formally decided to approve the ad-
ministration revenue bill as amended,
and the measure will be reported to
the senate tomorrow morning.

It is estimated that the bill will
yield approximately \$205,000,000 an-
nually, with the wine schedule as fixed
by the house retained.

The caucus agreed to the license on
corporation stocks yielding the huge
sum of \$20,000,000, the elimination of
the most objectionable of stamp tax-
ation, and approved the amendment to
the munitions section which reduced
the tax on the net profit to manufac-
turers from materials entering into the
composition of war munitions from
ten per cent to five.

Southwestern senators are bitterly
attacking the provision of the meas-
ure, contending the result is a heavy
tax on cotton and copper industries.

BRANDEIS WILL NOT ACT AS COMMISSIONER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Asso-
ciate Justice Brandeis, of the United
States Supreme Court, who had been
selected as a member of the interna-
tional commission which had been
formed to discuss the questions pend-
ing between this country and Mexico,
yesterday notified President Wilson
that he will not be able to undertake
the work owing to the pressure of
business now before the Supreme
Court.

JAPANESE ATTACHE IN LONDON SLAYS HIMSELF

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shipco.)

TOKIO, August 13.—Lieut. A. Tamu-
ra, a military attache in the Japanese
embassy at the Court of St. James,
committed hara-kiri yesterday at the
embassy with a service sword, and died
almost immediately. The embassy of-
ficials are now investigating, but have
not as yet made any report on their in-
quiries.

ITALY HAS SUMMONED BOY SCOUTS TO DUTY

They Will Act As Guards Behind
Fighting Lines

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

ROME, August 14.—Italy has called
all of her Boy Scouts to duty back of
the fighting lines. The order mobiliz-
ing the youths was issued yesterday,
and stated that the boys are to remain
on duty until schools open in October.

Some will be sent to the war zone for
duty as guards at the railroad stations,
in the base hospitals and where else
needed.

Others Will Be Sent For Duty At The Munition Factories and Aeroplane Hang- ars, Where They Will Act As Guards and Messengers.

JAPANESE COMMERCE INCREASING RAPIDLY

Exports To Hawaii Reach Sum
of Yen 2,667,000

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hochi)

TOKIO, August 12.—The department
of agriculture and commerce officially
announced today that Japanese-Hawai-
ian trade is developing marvelously.

In the half first year ending with
June last Japan's exports to Hawaii
reached the sum of yen 2,667,000 and
amount of importation from Hawaii
reached the sum of yen 28,000.

This shows an increase on exports of
yen 400,000 over the previous year and
yen 14,000 on imports.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK BY A SWEDISH CRUISER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

GOTENHAGEN, August 14.—Accord-
ing to a report received here last night
a Swedish cruiser sank a German sub-
marine last Thursday.

VILLISTAS SURROUNDED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CITY OF CHIHUAHUA, August 14.—
General Arrieta last night reported
that he has surrounded a band of one
hundred Villistas, under the command
of Nicholas Hernandez, near the town
of La Sadrinas.

BOURBON REVENUE BILL IS ATTACKED BY HUGHES

Anti-Dumping Clause In Measure
Is Declared Worthless

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SEATTLE, August 14.—Charles Ev-
ans Hughes, Republican candidate for
the Presidency, reached here yes-
terday afternoon, and last night made his
first campaign address on the Pacific
Coast.

He criticized the anti-dumping
clause in the Democratic revenue bill,
which it is written, "he declared, "for
the Democrats are unequal to the task
of protecting American industries by
a proper tariff."

GERMAN DIVER SINKS BRITISH DESTROYER

Lassoo Is Sent To Bottom Off
Coast of Holland

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, August 14.—The British
destroyer Lassoo was sunk by a German
submarine off the Dutch coast Sunday
according to official statements issued
yesterday.

Berlin despatches say that the Ger-
man admiral announced the sinking
of the Lassoo and also that the same
submarine between August 2 and Aug-
ust 10 had sunk five allied steamers and
five sailing craft.

JAPANESE GARRISON ATTACKED BY CHINESE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

TOKIO, August 14.—Chinese troops
yesterday attacked the Japanese gar-
rison at Chong Chaitun, killing seven-
teen soldiers and one officer. They
then besieged the barracks.

DANISH STEAMER IS SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, August 14.—The Danish
steamer Ivor was attacked and sunk
by a submarine off the port of Genoa,
Italy, yesterday, according to despatch-
es received here last night. The crew
was saved.

VOLUNTEERS ASKED TO GIVE OF BLOOD

Convalescent Victims of Infantile
Paralysis Called Upon To
Aid Serum Treatment

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, August 14.—Health au-
thorities who have been fighting in-
fantile paralysis yesterday issued a call
for volunteers among the convalescent
victims of the disease, to furnish blood
from which a serum may be made for
the treatment of future cases.

This treatment has been making
gains, in the opinion of medical men
who have been most active in the strug-
gle against the disease, and the rapid
improvement of Dr. Leroy Vail, a vic-
tim of the scourge, is considered a
splendid sign.

The theory upon which the use of
serum made from the blood of persons
who have had the sickness and recov-
ered therefrom, is not a new one. The
Rockefeller Institute, under the direc-
tion of Dr. Simon Flexner, has been
working along this line with the blood
of inoculated monkeys and other ani-
mals.

There has been a decided dimini-
tion in the number of cases and deaths from
the disease reported during the last
twenty four hours. There were thirty-
one deaths and ninety-five new cases.

PENROSE OPENS WAR ON ADMINISTRATION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.—In the
upper chamber today Senator Penrose
carried the fight on President Wilson's
disposal of patronage a step further
than Mr. Hughes, Republican candidate
for the Presidency, has done in his
campaign addresses, when he intro-
duced a resolution calling for an in-
vestigation into appointments made
which waived civil service require-
ments.

SUFFRAGE LEADERS LAY PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, August 14.—Prepara-
tions are being pushed for the ninth
annual convention of the National
American Woman's Suffrage Associa-
tion, which is to be held in Atlantic
City, New Jersey, September 6. The
convention will discuss the policy to
be followed during the fall elections.

KAISER MEN DRIVE BACK BRITISH IN HOT FIGHT

Berlin Reports Capture of More
Than Seven Thousand Yards
of Trenches Between Thiepval
and Pozieres North of Somme

SHATTERED TEUTON LINE FLEES BEFORE RUSSIANS

Great Slav Wave Inundates More
Ground Belonging To Austri-
ans While Italians Move Stead-
ily Forward Beyond Isonzo

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, August 14.—Flinging the
British out of hardly won
trenches north of and east of
Pozieres, the Germans were themselves
being back by the Russians, while
their Austrian allies yesterday found
themselves unable to cope with the
steady advances of the Italians and
Slavs, despite the most stubborn re-
sistance—a resistance that won the
praise of their very foes.

Both east and west the lines of
fighting men advanced back and forth.
In the region of the upper Sereth,
south and southwest of Brody, in Gal-
icia, the Russians were unable to
forge forward, but apparently every-
where else they have battered away
the resistance of their Teutonic foe-
men and compelled the retreat of Field
Marshal von Linington and General
Count von Bothmer to fall back.

Teutons Take Prisoners

Berlin claims that south of Brody,
where the fighting was terrific all of
Sunday, the Russians were held or
driven back to their own lines, leaving
the fields behind them littered with
their dead and wounded men. The
Germans in that sector claim to have
taken three hundred prisoners from
General Brusilov.

Vienna, in the official Austrian re-
ports of the day's fighting, says that
the Austrians, southwest of Podkai-
men, "covered the field with the
enemy dead." Elsewhere in that sec-
tor the Teuton armies continued their
retreat.

The Petrograd account tells of fur-
ious struggles all along the line, and of
the almost unbelievable bravery of the
Russian troops on the Sereth river
front, where they drove into the face
of a storm of lead and steel, utterly
oblivious of the death that threatened
them.

Wade River Breats High

One regiment of infantry reached
the little river Tuka, a tributary of
the Sereth river. This little stream
had been relied upon to give the pur-
suing Slavs pause. But the Teutons
were mistaken, for the Russians plun-
ged into the stream and with the water
lapping about their breasts and their
rifles held high above their heads,
waded across and drove the enemy from
their carefully prepared positions.

The Zlota Lipa river was also reach-
ed yesterday and the advancing Rus-
sian armies began their preparations
for forcing a passage across that. At
the confluence of the Zlota Lipa, the Slavs
crossed to the west bank of both tri-
butary and the larger stream.

North of the twisting Dniester river
the Russian offensive continues, and
Petrograd reports "we are successfully
advancing in spite of strong opposi-
tion and much stubborn fighting."

Two Villages Captured

"We have taken the village of
Tustolaby," continued the official
statement issued by the Russian war
office last night, "and have cleared out
of a dense mass of communication
trenches, the enemy which had occu-
pied them."

"On Sunday afternoon our troops
succeeded in capturing the town of
Zboroff. Here a cyclist company, ac-
companied by armored cars assisted the
infantry troops in the assault."

"In the middle Stripa region and at
Koropiec the pursuing Russians have
reached the north bank of the Dniester,
opposite Mariampol."

While the Russians have been success-
ful in Galicia and Russia, they have
met with reverses elsewhere. The Tur-
kish official report of the fighting in
the Lake Van region says:

"Russian troops operating in the Cau-
casus have been driven back, and in
Persia the Turkish army has also been
successful in pressing back the invading
hosts from Esfahabad. In the Caucasus
Turks occupied heights dominating
North Bithia, and have crossed the Mu-
had."

The Russian account of the struggle
(Continued on page 3)